

Town of Tiverton  
Budget Committee  
Meeting  
Tiverton Town Hall  
Thursday, 28 Jan 2010  
7:00p.m.

Chairman Jeff Caron called the meeting to order at about 7p.m. Attending members were Art Moller, Joe Bento, Dave Perry, Jeff Caron, Cynthia Nebergall, Tom Parker, Ray Joubert, and Sandy Mantell. Alex Cote was absent. Rob Coulter joined meeting at about 7:30p.m.; Dan Rapoza joined the meeting at about 8p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the 14 January 2010 meeting and the 21 January 2010 meeting were unanimously approved.

2. Scheduling of site visits

The Chairman reviewed site visit schedules and reported that he will schedule a School Department site visit.

3. Testimony and discussion of budget items

a. Police Department

Chief Blakey reviewed Police Department budget. The Chief noted that the Department received \$91K in grants in FY2010. The Chief explained the budget request for the purchase of two new police cars. Jeff Caron calculated that, including the capital expenditure for the purchase of the two new police cars, this year's budget increased 2.3% over the budget last year and the operating budget remained constant. Jeff Caron thanked the Chief, on behalf of the taxpayers, for presenting an operating budget that does not increase over last year's operating budget.

b. Public Works

Steve Berlucchi, Director, and Jim Goncalo, Town Administrator, reviewed the Department of Public Works budget. Discussion ensued about capital budget request of \$40K for the purchase of a brush cutter/mower. It was noted that \$22,080 was appropriated to purchase a brush cutter/mower last year; that the particular cutter/mower intended to be purchased last year cost \$32K; that the cutter/mower was not purchased because it was not made clear to the town's authorizing bodies that \$10K from the department's operating budget for brush cutting would be combined with the \$22K appropriated capital to purchase the cutter/mower; that the \$22K capital appropriated last year and the \$10K operating expense appropriated last year remain in the Department's account; that, with the approval of the Town Council, the \$22K and \$10K could be spent to purchase the cutter/mower this year; that the capital request of \$40K in the present budget is in addition to an operating expense request of \$20K in the present budget for "roadside grass and brush cutting;" and, therefore, \$92K has been appropriated or requested for cutting and mowing:  $\$22K + \$10K + \$40K + \$20K = \$92K$ .

c. Town Clerk's Office

Town Clerk Nancy Mello reviewed the Clerk's Office budget, the Probate Court, the Municipal Court (Cynthia Nebergall recused herself, submitted a statement to the Chairman, copy attached, and left the room), the Board of Canvassers, and the Financial Town Meeting.

4. Discussion of Town's financial state.

The meeting adjourned at about 10p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cynthia Nebergall, Secretary